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MINUTES

OF THE

RALEIGH BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION,

HOLDEN AT

COOL SPRING MEETING-HOUSE,

WAKE COUNTY, N. C.

On the 10*th*, 11*th*, *and* 12*th days of November*, 1810.

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SATURDAY, *Nov.* 10, 1810.

1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered, by Elder NATHAN GULLEY, from the 25th verse of the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

2. After worship the Association convened prayer was offered up to the Lord by Elder BENJAMIN DAVIS. The Constitution and form of decorum being read, proceeded to business.

3. Brethren Elias Bowden and James Fort were appointed a Committee of Finance, to receive the contributions and make all settlements.

4. Letters from the several Churches of this Association were read, the names of their messengers, with the numbers baptized, &c. were enrolled.

5. Two Churches petitioned by letter for admittance into this Association; one in Wake County, under the Pastoral care of Elder EZEKIEL TRICE; the other in Chatham County, under the Pastoral care of Elder HEZEKIAH HARMAN. After enquiry was made, believing them to be orthodox and orderly, they were received in union; the same being evidenced by the Moderator's giving their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

6. Elder BENJAMIN DAVIS, from Cape Fear, and Elders WILLIAM LANCASTER and

Phil. Bennett, from Kehukee Association, presented letters of their appointments, and took seats with us. With them we received several of their Minutes in token of love. Also Elder Roland Cooke and brother Simpson Shaw, being invited, took seats with us and handed in a few of their Minutes in token of love, in which was specified their appointments.

7. The Circular Letter was called for, and referred to Elders William Lancaster and Phillemon Bennett for examination, and to report on Monday next.

8. A motion was made, and agreed to, that the following brethren be a committee to arrange the business of this Association, viz. Robert T. Daniel, Phillemon Bennett, Benjamin Davis and Zadock Bell, with the Moderator, & report on Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

9. On motion, agreed to appoint the following brethren as corresponding messengers from this Association, viz. Robert T. Daniel to Kehukee, John Gully to Flat River, Ezekiel Trice to Countryline, John Peurifoy to Neuse, Nathan Gully to Cape-Fear, and Bartholomew Fuller to Sandy Creek Associations—and that we send to each Association a few copies of our Minutes in lieu of a letter, with a certificate of their appointments.

10. Elders Roland Cook, Phillemon Bennett, and William Lancaster were appointed to Preach to-morrow, and Divine Worship to begin at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned after prayer by Elder Bennett, until Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dism'd by Letter	Restored	Excommunicated	Deceased	Numbers	Contributions
1 *Cumberland* *Neal's Creek*	N. GULLEY W. Avery N. Prince	1	0	0	1	1	0	30	Cts. 165
2 *Johnston* *Rocky Spring*	JOHN GULLEY Jesse Wall W. Filgo*	1	0	12	0	3	0	42	120
3 *Johnston* *Union*	——— R. Warren W. Whitley John Phillips*	1	0	1	0	1	3	97	200
4 *Wake* *Cross Roads*	ZADOCK BELL John Fort James Fort	3	0	2	0	1	2	54	190
5 *Wake* *Holley Springs*	R. T. DANIEL N. Norris Silas Green	1	0	10	0	2	1	59	100
6 *Wake* *Pleasant Spring*	——— S. Stephenson Mark Myatt Paris Pearson	2	1	1	0	1	1	38	100
7 *Wake* *Cool Spring*	——— Ozias Vinson Elias Bowden H. Sanders	2	3	1	0	2	0	52	100
8 *Wake* *Bethel*	——— P. Pearson John Moore H. D. Pree	1	1	0	0	1	0	32	100
9 *Wake* *Union*	J. PEURIFOY *B. Fuller* William Fort	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	75
10 *Johnston* *Mill Creek*	L. CAUDLE* N. Thornton J. Woodall	11	0	2	1	1	2	177	150
11 *Wake* *Middle Creek*	——— A. Johnston Mark Porter Peter Porter	1	5	2	0	0	0	29	100

12 *Johnston Fellowship*	——— B. Johnston J. Whittenton J. Stephenson	3	2	6	0	1	1	36	100
13 *Franklin Haywood's M. H.*	——— James Ross Jesse Pritchard	1	7	0	0	0	1	80	100
14 *Wake Cedar Fork*	E. TRICE J. Stephenson W. Suggs*	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	——
15 *Chatham Newhope Mountain*	H. HARMON* C. Armstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
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N. B. Names of Pastors are in SMALL CAPITALS, unordained Ministers in *italics*; those marked with a * were not present; dashes —— denote no Pastor; the last column contains the sums contributed by the Churches to the Association Fund.

Lord's Day, Nov. 11th.

The Elders appointed to occupy the stage met a very lage assembly.——Roland Cook preached from 1st Corinthians, 15th chap. and 34th verse: "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." Phillemon Bennet preached from Revelations the 11th chap. and 1st verse: "There was given unto me a reed like unto a rod and the angel stood, saying, Rise and measure the temple of God, and the alter, and them that worship therein." William Lancaster concluded with a most sublime and luminous exhortation.—The word preached was with zeal, and we hope a divine blessing will attend the labours of the day.

Monday, Nov. 12.

11. Met agreeable to adjournment, opened by prayer by Elder Zadock Bell; the messengers names being called, proceeded to business.

12. Corresponding messengers were called on to report---Elders Nathan Gully, R. T. Daniel, John Gully and John Peurifoy reported to the satisfaction of the Association.

13. The committee which were appointed to arrange the business of this Association offered their report.---Read and concurred with.

24. The committee which was appointed to examine the Circular Letter, handed in the same---read and received.

15. On motion, agreed to take into consideration the request of Sandy Creek Association to send help and assistance to the Haw-river Mountain Church, on the first Saturday in January next, do appoint the following Elders: Robert T. Daniel, Nathan Gulley, John Gulley and Ezekiel Trice to meet the brethren from the above Association to endeavour to reinstate said Church in orthodox and orderly principles in the bonds of the gospel.

16. A motion was made & agreed to, that our corresponding messengers in future receive the compensation of one dollar per day for attending the Associations to which they are appointed.

17. On motion, agreed to take under consideration the request for a meeting appointed by the Chowan Association, to be held at the falls of Tar-river, on Friday before the second Lord's Day in June, 1811, do agree to send our belov-

ed brethren Robert T. Daniel, Nathan Gulley, John Gulley and JohnPeurifoy as messengers.

18. *Quere* 1. Is a minister of Christ justifiable in leaving stated appointments among his people to preach funeral sermons? Answered in the negative.

19. *Quere* 2. Has a man a right to put away his wife for fornication and marry another? Referred to next Association.

20. On motion, agreed to appoint the following brethren as a committee (or any three of them) to revise the constitution of this Association, viz. John Peurifoy, Robert T. Daniel, John Gulley, Elias Bowden, Hardy Sanders, and report at next Association.

21. The committee of finance reported as follows:

There remained in the fund last year		$21 70
Paid for printing last years Minutes - - -	$11 0	
Allowed the Clerk for his services - - -	4 0	15 0
Remaining on hand - - -		6 70
Received this year from the Churches - - - -		17 0
Remaining in the fund - - - -		$23 70

22. Deposited in the hands of the Clerk six pounds, to defray the expence for printing these Minutes.

23. On motion, agreed that Elders John Gulley, John Peurifoy and Robert T. Daniel (corresponding messengers) be allowed a compensation of two dollars and ninety-two cents each,

for attending the several Associations to which they were appointed last year.

24. On motion, agreed that the money remaining in the fund be delivered to the Clerk as a compensation for transcribing these Minutes, superintending the printing; having 300 copies printed and distributing them.

25. Brother Bartholomew Fuller was appointed to write a Circular Address for our next Association, and to choose his subject.

26. Agreed that the next Association be held in Wake County, at Union Meeting-house, and begin on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in November. Elder Ezekiel Trice is requested to preach the Introductory Sermon, and divine worship will begin at 11 o'clock A. M.—After prayer by Elder Daniel, adjourned.

(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

THE Ministers and Messengers of the Raleigh Bastist Association convened at Cool-Spring Meeting House, Wake county, 10th of November, 1810, send Christian salutations to the Churches they represent; Forever affectionate partners in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

We think it needful that our present address to you should be on the command of our blessed Redeemer, *Mark, chap.* 13, *37th verse*—"What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." This was one of the last commands our blessed Lord gave to his Disciples, because he well knew the many enemies they had to meet with, the world, flesh and Satan; as we have those foes to face, nothing should exempt us from watching.

But Brethren, we have too great cause to fear we have much neglected that express command, which causes so much coldness in religion, and dark clouds so often to intervene; mean while it is needful that we watch, lest in these darksome hours we mistake and make a league with our internal foes.

Very dear Brethren, we have a command to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation, from hence it is expedient that we watch in order that we view the tempter a far off, which will lead the penitent soul to the throne of grace in prayer, for strength to withstand, and that their arm might be strung with more than mortal vigour; that they might deal death to and mortify these members that are upon the earth; for it is not enough to watch and still remain prayerless, for watching teaches us the necessity of praying, neither is it enough to cry, 'Lord, Lord,' and disregard the commandments of God.

Furthermore, Brethren, it is expedient that we watch with a close discerning eye, because anti-christian principles are dispersed abroad, with their painted features and dissembling colours. It therefore belongs to Zion to search and examine the sacred volume, lest she be wedded to man's devices instead of the commandments of God.

Then let Zion revere those sacred truths, although they appear in the eyes of some to be of such inferior magnitude as not to be regarded.

We exhort you, brethren, that you watch and strive to keep those prevailing anti-christian errours from entering the door of your hearts—We also exhort you to observe and keep up a regular and strict discipline: and also to contend earnestly for that faith and order delivered to the saints, and not to suffer that door, which Christ has ordained for his followers to enter into the militant kingdom, to be opened so wide as to let in those anti-christian beasts which will feed on your religious rights: For those rights are more precious to you than rivers of oil, or the gold of

Peru. Then let each of you with one heart and voice strive to maintain that holy and sacred order in its original purity. And we trust the bright era will begin to dawn when the gospel millennium shall unfold and bring on the reality of ancient predictions. When earth and heaven will unite, and a general union be effected. And now, dear brethren, may your incessant cry be "Thy kingdom come," and we hope to unite in supplicating the God of all consolation to be with us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Signed by order of the Association.

BARTH. FULLER, *Moderator.*
SIMON STEPHENSON, *Clerk.*